

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

STATE OF GEORGIA

SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATION

Section 107—Legal Regulations and Responsibility to the Public

Delete Subsection 107.12 and substitute the following:

107.12 Use of Explosives

When the use of explosives is necessary for the prosecution of The Work, the Contractor shall exercise the utmost care not to endanger life or property, and shall obey all State, Federal and other Governmental regulations applying to transportation, storage, use, and control of such explosives. The Contractor shall be completely responsible for any and all damage resulting from the transportation, storage, use, and control of explosives in the prosecution of The Work by the Contractor, the Contractor's agents, or employees; and shall hold the Department harmless from all claims of damages resulting in any manner there from.

The Contractor shall notify each public utility owner having structures or other installations, above or below ground, near the site of The Work of his intention to use explosives. Such notice shall be given sufficiently in advance to enable the utility owners to take such steps as they may deem necessary to protect their property from injury. Such notice shall not relieve the Contractor of responsibility for all damages resulting from his blasting operations.

All explosives shall be stored securely in compliance with all laws and ordinances, and all such storage places shall be clearly marked DANGEROUS EXPLOSIVES. Explosives and detonators shall be stored in separate storage facilities in separate areas. Where no laws or ordinances apply, locked storage shall be provided satisfactory to the Engineer, never closer than 1,000 ft (300 m) from any travel-road, building, or camping area.

In all cases where the transport, storage, or use of explosives is undertaken, such activities shall be controlled and directed by fully qualified representatives of the Contractor.

Whenever electric detonators are used, all radio transmitters shall be turned off within a radius of 500 ft (150 m). No blasting supplies shall be transported in vehicles with two-way radio unless the transmitter is turned off, or extra shielding precautions are taken. Appropriate signs shall be placed so as to give ample warning to anyone

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driving a vehicle equipped with two-way radio. Electrical detonators will not be used within 500 ft (150 m) of a railroad.

Submit a blasting plan to the Engineer a minimum of five working days prior to the use of explosives, that provides details of the proposed blasting plan, including, but not limited to, the type and amount of explosives, the shot sequence, the description of and distance to the closest inhabitable structure, and other information as requested by the Engineer. Do not begin blasting until the blasting plan has been reviewed and approved in writing by the Engineer. Such approval does not relieve the contractor of the responsibility for the adequate and safe performance of the blasting.